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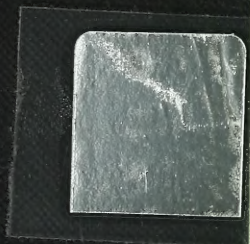
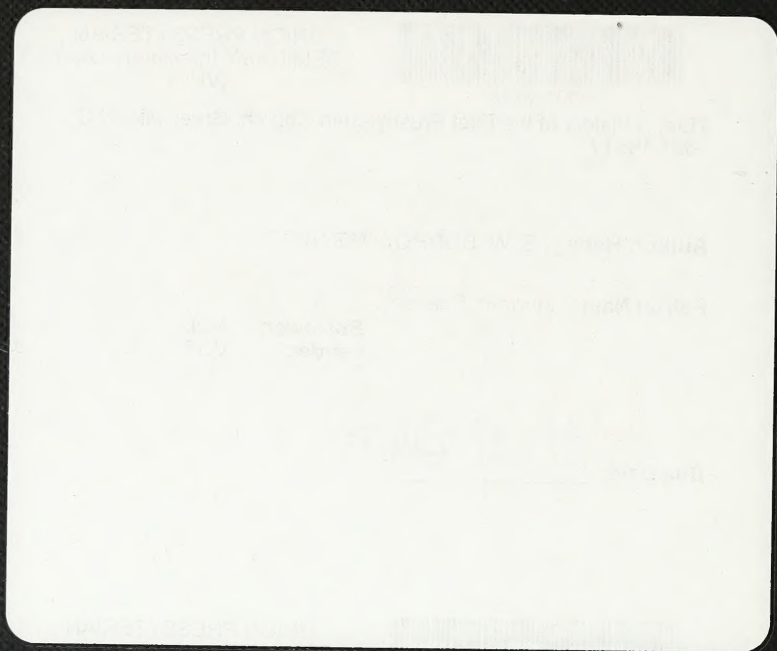
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A HISTORY of THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Greenville, N. C — 1891 - 1951

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THE EARLY YEARS

The first services for Presbyterians in Greenville were occasional sermons preached by the minister of the Washington church or by traveling ministers. There had lived in Greenville from time to time several Presbyterians, but Orange Presbytery—for Albemarle Presbytery had not yet been formed—never saw her way clear to establish regular preaching. However, in 1887 the Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., evangelist of Orange Presbytery, visiting Greenville, found these few Presbyterians so anxious for regular services that in October 1888 the Presbytery requested the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell to resign the pastorate of the Rocky Mount church and begin work in Pitt County at Falkland and Greenville. This work began under Mr. Summerell's leadership in March 1889. At that time the Presbyterians in Greenville were Mrs. Ben Brown, Miss Etta Hines, Mrs. T. J. Jarvis, and J. D. Murphy. Regular services were either in the Methodist or Baptist churches for a year or more. In December 1890 it was decided to hold services in the then—existent Opera House which had been kindly offered free of rent. Through the efforts of the few members an organ was purchased the following year.

In May 1891 the Rev. W. D. Morton of Rocky Mount held a meeting, at the conclusion of which the decision was made to gather the few Presbyterians into an organization. Thus, on May 11, 1891 the Greenville Presbyterian church was organized with the following members: B. D. Evans, Miss Etta Hines, Mrs. Charles McArthur, Mrs. T. J. Jarvis, Myra Moore, J. R. Moore, Jr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore, Jr. To these were added on profession of faith: Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison and H. H. Wilson. B. D. Evans was elected the first elder and J. R. Moore the first deacon. The latter with Mrs. Jarvis constituted the committee to secure help towards procuring a church building.

The first annual report to Prebytery was of April 1892. This report, which included the statistics of the Falkland congregation previously organized, disclosed eleven members having been received on profession of faith and eleven by certificate, with thirteen non-resident members. At this time there was no Sunday School.

In 1894 a Sunday School was organized with eight pupils and two teachers. The 1896 report revealed ten members and no non-residents. At this time the tobacco industry was beginning to open in Eastern North Carolina, bringing new people to Greenville—among whom were a few Presbyterians. Thus, in March 1897 the annual report to Presbytery revealed a growth: fourteen church members and twenty pupils in the Sunday School, with four teachers. Two additional elders were elected, one being E. B. Ficklen. About this time the Rev. Mr. Summerell went to South Carolina, visiting ministers preaching to the local congregation in the interim.

Prior to this, the fourteen members decided to erect a church, a lot on Dickinson Avenue in a grove of beautiful maples was secured. In time the one room frame building—with a Sunday School annex was completed and all financial obligations met. On December 19, 1897 this church was dedicated to the worship and services of Almighty God by the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, then of Anderson, South Carolina, he preaching the dedication sermon on "Unconscious Power".

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On October 16, the next year, Miss Willie Ficklen, now Mrs. B. W. Mosely, and Mrs. Georgia James were enrolled as members. In 1900 P. M. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston came from the Henderson church, the former being at that time a deacon.

Through these years the church enjoyed a gradual growth, as the 1901 annual report disclosed: thirty on roll with one non-resident member, ten having been received by letter the previous year. Among those who affiliated the following year were C. W. Harvey and B. W. Moseley.

REV. F. G. HARTMAN 1903 - 1905

In March 1903 the Rev. F. G. Hartman was called as minister. In May of that year additional elders were elected in the persons of C. W. Harvey, P. M. Johnston, and B. W. Moseley. That same year the Graded School of Greenville was organized, bringing to the church several of the teachers who were Presbyterians. The first two superintendents, W. B. Dove and H. B. Smith, proved of great help in the church for several years.

The 1904 annual report revealed a membership of fourty-three and one non-resident, with thirty-six pupils and seven teachers in the Sunday School. The report indicated, also, that the Wednesday evening services were attended by one-third of the membership.

In March 1905 a committee on music was formed, composed of Mrs. Georgia James, Mrs. P. M. Johnston and J. R. Moore. Mrs. Johnston was organist. The annual report of this year revealed forty-six members. A Ladies' Missionary Society was organized and also a Mission Band of fifteen boys and fifteen girls. It was reported that the people gave liberally to all benevolent causes.

On April 30 of that year Rev. Mr. Hartman resigned. An elder was appointed to confer with the Kinston church to ascertain if it was practical to unite the Kinston and Greenville churches in calling a minister. In June 1905 the Rev. F. D. Viehe was called as supply. In the fall of this same year the envelope system was adopted and the treasurer was requested to submit to the session at regular meetings a written statement of the financial condition of the church.

Mr. Viehe served the church until August 1, 1906 when he resigned. In March of the next year the Rev. R. E. Fultz was called as supply. Mr. Fultz served only a few months and then the Rev. A. C. Bridgman was unanimously called. In June 1909 the Rev. Mr. Shannon of Virginia was called. The record at this point does not indicate what response was received from either Mr. Bridgman or Mr. Shannon. At this time there were thirty members. Sometime during 1909 the little organ was sold and a better one purchased.

During the years when the church had no pastor H. B. Smith and P. M. Johnston did much to hold it together. Often Mr. Smith held morning services .

The old records show that in 1905 this church had a Sunday School at Ballards Cross Roads with 57 pupils and 3 teachers enrolled. There is no record of how long this work continued. But during Mr. Harden's pastorate a Sunday School was again organized at Ballards. Mr. Harden, Mr. Dresback and Mr. Jesse Chambers worked there each Sunday afternoon. This work continued for a while and then the Farmville Presbyterian Church took charge of the Sunday School. The school was held in the school house. This arrangement continued until interested members wanted a church. Presbytery was petitioned and in 1944 a church was organized. They now have a pretty brick church situated in a fine community. They have well attended services at Sunday School, Church Service and Young People's Meetings.

After the opening of East Carolina Teachers College the Presbyterian students and teachers connected with that institution became of

great help and inspiration to the church. The first college class was taught by a member of the college faculty, Miss Miriam McFadyen.

REV. R. C. DEAL and REV. A. G. HARRIS 1910 - 1917

An agreement was made in 1910 with the Kinston church whereby the Rev. R. C. Deal, who was then minister there, would come to the Greenville church two Sundays a month. This arrangement continued until the Rev. A. G. Harris, a seminary student, came as supply. Mr. Harris, graduating from seminary in May 1914, was soon thereafter called as a full-time minister. Under his leadership the church grew rapidly, the records revealing a membership of seventy-three with five elders and four deacons. During his ministry a pipe organ was purchased from the First Church, Durham, an addition was made to the church building and a heating plant was installed. After serving the church for three and a half years Mr. Harris resigned to accept a pastorate in Birmingham, Alabama.

REV. S. K. PHILLIPS 1917 - 1922

In September 1917 a call was extended the Rev. S. K. Phillips of Oxford, he accepting the call and becoming installed in November of that year. Shortly thereafter he was granted a leave of absence for Y. M. C. A. work in the army, Mr. Phillips returned and finished a pastorate of five years, resigning in September 1922 to accept work at Highland Church, Fayetteville. By the time of his resignation, the local membership had grown to one-hundred and forty-seven. These years of Mr. Phillips' leadership marked a period of steady growth. Much work was done for and with the young people. Several mission points were established and two churches organized, bringing to the fore the need of an all-time home mission worker. It was in 1919, therefore, that Synod's Home Mission Committee provided a salary for a County Evangelist to be under the supervision of the Greenville church, the Rev. F. H. Scattergood accepting the work and, after several years, being succeeded by the Rev. H. H. Leach who remained in the field until the committee no longer could provide funds for this work.

In 1915 the Greenville church did mission work at the Greenville Cotton Mill. There is no record of how long this work continued. During Mr. S. K. Phillips pastorate there was held a Sunday School at Mason School House in Pitt County. Mr. Phillips and three of the city teachers worked several years at this place.

REV. W. S. HARDEN 1923 - 1933

With Mr. Phillips' resignation, the church found itself without a pastor for six months. In the spring of 1923, however, a call was extended the Rev. W. S. Harden of Columbia, South Carolina, he accepting the call and coming to Greenville in April. During the eleven years of his pastorate, both he and Mrs. Harden endeared themselves not only to the Presbyterians but to the community at-large. It was during these years that the church experienced such a splendid growth, for in October 1924 the congregation took definite steps to procure a new and much-needed church edifice. A lot on the corner of Fifth and Pitt Streets—the present location—was given to the church through the generosity of E. B. Ficklen, G. V. Smith, C. W. Harvey and A. M. Moseley. In due time the building was begun, the cornerstone being laid by the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, D. D. Another generous step was taken when the ladies of the church purchased a new pipe organ at a cost of \$5100. The church building being completed—a result of Mr. Harden's efforts and prayers—the first service was held in it on January 8, 1928.

In 1926, an elder, P. M. Johnston passed away. He was Sunday School Superintendent for many years and taught in the Mission Sunday School at Joyner's School.

Miss Ruth Hillhouse proved of invaluable service to the church during seven years of her work with it, as Student Worker among the Presbyterian girls at the college and as Director of Religious Education of the local church. Under her capable leadership the Church School became departmentalized, the Presbyterian Student Association was established in connection with the college and friendly and helpful contacts between students and church members were established. She resigned from this work in September of 1936, to take advanced work at the General Assembly's Training School.

During Mr. Harden's ministry the mission work—established by Mr. Phillips—was carried on effectively. In 1932 Junior Deacons were installed, these being at the time ten boys of Mrs. E. W. Harvey's Church School class. At the time of his death, December 9, 1933—after an illness of only two days—the church rolls revealed a high-mark membership of two hundred and fifty-one members with an enrollment of two hundred and forty-two in the Church School.

His passing came as a great loss to the church and to Greenville for he had devoted consecrated and faithful service both to his church and to the community. Many fellow-ministers of Presbytery attended the funeral which was conducted by the Greenville Ministerial Association from the local church.

During Mr. W. S. Harden's ministry there was a mission Sunday School at Cannons School House on the Pactolus Road. This work was carried on by Mr. Harden, Mr. Jesse Chambers and Mrs. E. W. Harvey.

REV. R. C. GRADY 1934 - 1938

From December 1933 until December 1934 the church was without a minister. During this time different ministers supplied the pulpit, the Rev. J. R. Potts supplying for three months during the summer. In November 1934 the congregation called R. C. Grady of Wilmington, he accepting the call and beginning his work December 1. The following month the Rev. Mr. Grady was ordained and installed in the local church.

During his ministry both he and the Session made a faithful effort to purge the rolls of inactive, "dead-timber" memberships. The present roll disclosed a resident membership of one hundred and fifty-five and a non-resident membership of forty members, with a Session of nine elders and a Diaconate of twelve. Together, Session and minister have supervised the inauguration of the rotary system of election of church officers, choir vesting, an order of morning worship modeled along traditional Presbyterian lines and increase in the number of Communion services from quarterly celebrations to bi-monthly celebrations. An increase in gifts to benevolences has also been realized.

Following Miss Hillhouse's resignation, Miss Frances Fields of Kansas City, Missouri, an alumna of Assembly's Training School, was chosen she beginning her work September 15, 1936. Under the inspiration of her leadership a Junior Choir was organized, an Older Young People's Supper Club started, literature tables and a lending library for young people, teachers and other adults were started and a Church Council, under Sessional direction, for the general coordination and planning of the work of the local church as a whole was initiated.

On November 22, 1936, the church building which had been completed on January 8, 1928, was dedicated to the glory of God.

Miss Frances Fields resigned as Student Worker in 1937 to be married to Rev. Victor Brown of Buffalo, N. Y. Miss Miriam Wilson of Waynesboro, Va. was chosen in Miss Fields place. She came in April 1938 and resigned in August 1939.

DR. R. S. BOYD 1939 - 1947

Mr. R. C. Grady resigned as pastor April 24, 1938 to become effective September 1, 1938. A committee with Mr. J. S. Ficklen, chairman was appointed to secure a pastor. This committee reported favorably on Dr. R. S. Boyd from Columbus, Ga. At a congregational meeting on January 22, 1939 it was voted to call Dr. Boyd. He accepted the call and in March 1939 Dr. and Mrs. Boyd and their daughter Annabelle came to Greenville. Before they came the manse was redecorated and oil heating plant installed.

Dr. Boyd did wonderful work during the eight years he was pastor. In June 1939 the Men's Bible Class became interested in that section north of Tar River known as Meadowbrook. They surveyed the field and found a number of people interested in having a Sunday School. The session approved of establishing a Sunday School there. Soon a chapel was built by the Men's Class. The lot for the chapel was given by Mr. N. O. Warren one of the elders of the church. Dr. Boyd preached on the lot before the chapel was built. The Sunday School grew rapidly and the people showed such interest that Presbytery was petitioned to organize a church at Meadowbrook. On October 4, 1942 the organization was perfected and two elders and three deacons were elected. There were 50 charter members. The congregation grew rapidly, soon a Sunday School Building was added and a nice manse erected. The church voted to have an all time pastor.

During Mr. Phillips' pastorate a Sunday School was started at Hollywood School on the New Bern road. Mr. N. O. Warren and Miss Fannie McClelland helped faithfully for many years. At Miss McClelland's death Miss Kate Lewis started teaching the Bible Class. It was largely through her faithful service that the Sunday School was kept alive.

In 1943 plans were perfected to re-organize a church at Hollywood on the New Bern road. There had been a church there during Mr. Phillips pastorate but for the lack of interest was dissolved. A church was organized with 26 charter members. Now they have over a hundred members and a beautiful brick church and a new manse. They branched out to organize a Sunday School at Chicod some distance away on the New Bern Highway. In 1944 a church organization was perfected at Chicod and in 1951 a brick church will be completed. The same pastor serves Hollywood and Chicod.

Dr. Boyd having a missionary spirit and seeing the great need in Pitt County for the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his teachings surveyed the area on the Falkland Highway about six miles from Greenville. He was assisted in this survey by Miss Sarah Little of Synod's Committee. During Mr. Harden's ministry there had been a Sunday School for several years at the Joyner School House. In the surveyed area there were found a number of people who wanted a Sunday School. This school was organized and for lack of a building services were held under trees in the yard of Mr. Clifton Whitehurst. The attendance grew rapidly and soon caused the desire for a church. Permission was granted by Presbytery and on July 27, 1947 a church was organized, with fifty charter members. These members asked that the church be named Boyd Memorial. This showed their love and appreciation of Dr. Boyd for his untiring work and interest in this community. Too much cannot be said of Dr. and Mrs. Boyd and their daughter Annabel in their work at Boyd Memorial.

During Dr. Boyd's ministry the church went steadily forward. In 1941 the church followed the Assembly's plan of Annuity Fund and entered upon this form of Insurance. In 1939 Miss Sarah Dudley Whitmore came to the church as Director of Religious Education. Her work was most commendable and the church reluctantly accepted her resignation in 1941.

In 1941 Rev. Clyde Carter, a young minister succeeded Miss Whitmore. He came as Dr. Boyd's assistant and Director of Christian Educa-

tion. He resigned in February 1943 to enter the Navy as Chaplain. In the same year James Cogswell, a student at Union Seminary, came as Dr. Boyd's assistant and as worker in the Meadowbrook field. In May 1943 Mrs. N. R. Thompson was recommended as Director of Religious Education. She came in September 1943 and remained till June 1944. Miss Agnes Lapsley followed Mrs. Thompson as Student worker. She resigned in September 1945 to be married. At this time Mrs. Sid Crane, formerly Mary C. Horne of Greenville, had come home to live with her mother while her husband was in Korea serving as chaplain. She was appointed Director of Religious Education. Her work was very effective and satisfactory. With regret the church accepted her resignation in 1946 to go to Korea to be with her husband. In September 1946 Miss Hillhouse returned to the church as Director of Religious Education. She remained one year leaving in the summer of 1947 to accept work in Mississippi.

During Dr. Boyd's pastorate new pews, choir curtains and carpet were placed in the Sanctuary. Several memorials were given. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Brown gave the communion table and Mr. J. S. Ficklen gave the baptismal font. In October 1941 these memorials and furnishings and the memorial tablets which had been placed in the Sanctuary previously were dedicated. The tablets are in memory of Dr. J. N. H. Summerell and Mr. W. S. Harden who played an important part in the history and growth of the church. Dr. S. M. Crisp spoke for Dr. Summerell and Judge Dink James spoke for Mr. Harden. At this service the congregation was delighted to have present Mrs. W. S. Harden, wife of a former pastor and a much loved friend of the church.

During this period the church lost by death three beloved elders. Mr. B. W. Moseley died December 10, 1942, Mr. C. W. Harvey died November 20, 1944, Mr. N. O. Warren died November 21, 1944. These elders were much loved by the congregation. They served in various offices of the church and always they were looked to for advice on matters pertaining to the church. Their memory will ever remain in the hearts of the members of the church.

In February 1947 Dr. Boyd advised the church officers of his retirement at an early date. He was asked to remain with the church till June if possible. At a congregational meeting on April 20, 1947 Dr. Boyd read his resignation to the congregation and asked that the pastoral relations between him and this church be dissolved effective July 1, 1947. Mr. J. S. Ficklen spoke for the congregation. He expressed to Dr. Boyd the appreciation of the officers and the congregation for the pleasant, profitable and efficient years of service rendered to this church in the Master's work. The congregation, feeling keen regret and great sorrow that Dr. Boyd felt that he should retire because of failing health, voted to concur with him in his request to Albermarle Presbytery that pastoral relations between him and this church be dissolved.

After his retirement was perfected Dr. and Mrs. Boyd left to make their home in Laurinburg, N. C. They carried with them the love and prayers of the Greenville church.

REV. LEONARD W. TOPPING 1947

In April 1947 Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hassell came to Greenville to live. Dr. Hassell had previously been appointed as Executive Secretary of Home Missions in Albermarle Presbytery. Dr. Hassell was of great help to the church in the absence of a pastor especially as acting moderator for the session meetings. In early summer of 1947 a committee was appointed to secure a pastor. A congregational meeting was held on September 7, 1947 to hear a report from the pulpit committee. At this meeting E. W. Harvey, Jr., chairman of the committee reported that the pulpit committee unanimously recommended that a call be issued to Rev.

Leonard W. Topping of Griffin, Ga., to assume the pastorate of this church. The congregation, without a dissenting voice, voted to accept the recommendation of the pulpit committee. The call was issued to Mr. Topping, he accepted and he, Mrs. Topping, Ruth Evelyn and Leonard W. (their children) arrived in Greenville the latter part of October.

On November 2, 1947 Mr. Topping held his first session meeting as pastor of the church. At this meeting a committee was appointed to secure a Director of Religious Education as Miss Hillhouse had resigned to accept work in Mississippi. After several months were spent in trying to secure a Director of Religious Education the committee reported that Miss Martha Stribling who would soon graduate from the Assembly's Training School, would accept the work. She was elected in February 1948 to begin her duties June 1, 1948. She came but only stayed a short time. She resigned in November 1948 to be married. On June 20, 1948 B. F. Moseley was elected Trustee of the church. He replaced Frank W. Brown who had moved from Greenville. In November of this same year Miss Elizabeth Deal was elected Treasurer of the Student Center. The church joined other churches in the assembly in accepting the Program of Progress Plan, which has been promoted with effectiveness. To date many of the goals have been reached. Most of the quota assigned our church has been contributed.

On October 2, 1949 the congregation of the church met and voted unanimously to construct an educational building on the lot adjacent to our present church building. The church had previously been given this lot by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ficklen, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Smith and Mrs. E. E. Ficklen. It was stated that the present facilities for the Sunday School were now much too small. It was voted to build a modern, up to date building that would enable the Sunday School to grow and expand. Committees were appointed for the necessary preliminary work. After several months an architect was engaged. The plans were drawn; over \$70,000 is on hand. The building will be started as soon as suitable bids are received and approved.

In January 1950 the church saw the need of a Sunday School in the southwest section of the city. This section was surveyed by Miss Eleanor Fleming, of Synod's Committee. It was found that many of the people living in that section desired a Sunday School. Permission was given by the proper officials for the church to use the Curb Market building. The Sunday School met for the first time on the third Sunday in February, 1950. Mr. G. R. Huffstetler was the first superintendent. Mr. William Horne, Jr. is the present superintendent. During the first thirteen months many persons have been reached for Christ and His Church, a successful Vacation Bible School conducted, and over \$500 contributed to all causes.

In March 1950 Miss Eleanor Godfrey of Winston-Salem accepted work as Director of Christian Education. After nine months service she resigned on March 15, 1951 to be effective April 15, 1951.

In January 1951 the Session was reminded of the approaching 60th anniversary of the church. Committees were appointed for the preparation of an appropriate service at that time. The Session requested that the history of the church be written up to the present time.

During 1950 the church lost two elders by death. Roy Coburn died July 21, 1950. E. W. Harvey, Sr. died on September 12, 1950. By the death of these elders the church suffered a great loss in their love and loyalty to the church of which they were members.

Mr. Topping has been instrumental in securing a number of outstanding leaders as special preachers and speakers for our congregation: Dr. J. G. Patton, of Atlanta Ga., Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Stewardship; Dr. Harry G. Goodykoontz, of Louisville, Ky., head of Student Work in the Assembly; Col. Roy LeCraw, of Atlanta Ga., director

of the Presbyterian Program of Progress; Dr. J. W. Hassell, Greenville, N. C., Executive Secretary of Home Missions of Albemarle Presbytery; Dr. Robert L. Holt, Head of the Department of Religion, East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.; Dr. J. Blanton Belk, of Richmond, Va., and Dr. John Pemberton, of Cape May, N. J.

For the past three years the church has joined with other churches of the city in very successful visitation evangelism programs.

The Westminster Fellowship of College Students have met weekly at the Manse for supper, fellowship and vesper meetings. Mrs. L. W. Topping has worked faithfully with this fine group of students.

During the three and one-half years that Mr. Topping has been pastor, the Greenville church has experienced a great growth. Through his efforts, his personality, his preaching and his love for the Master's work the membership of the church has grown spiritually. The membership has grown from four hundred to six hundred.

CONCLUSION

The Greenville Presbyterian Church has had an interesting history. From a small beginning as a mission outpost appreciable progress and growth has been hers. Tribute should be paid to those who labored so faithfully during her earliest years: B. D. Evans, E. B. Ficklen, Mrs. Georgia James, Mrs. T. J. Jarvis, P. M. Johnston, Mrs. P. M. Johnston, J. R. Moore, C. W. Harvey and B. W. Moseley.

When the struggles of these earlier years are considered there is again brought to mind a man without whose guidance and tireless labors the Greenville Presbyterian Church possibly would never have existed—the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, D. D., who after he retired became an honored citizen of Greenville.

Truly the examples of these pioneers have been as a light set upon a hill, illuminating all about them.

WOMEN'S WORK

The Ladies Aid Society of the Greenville Presbyterian Church was organized some time before the year 1900. At that time there was a very small society with Mrs. T. J. Jarvis as president. In these early days it was a struggle to hold the group together. During this time the society found its work in little but necessary things—cleaning the church, visiting and soliciting new members. The old records show that in 1905 there was a Ladies Missionary Society with fourteen members. The years contributions were a total of \$16.45. In this same year there was a mission Band composed of thirty boys and girls. That year they gave \$3.07 to Foreign Missions. In 1908 the Missionary Society was strengthened by new members coming into the church. About this time the Ladies Aid saw a great need for a better organ for the church. They went to work and in 1909 an organ was purchased and the choir fitted up with curtains and chairs. In 1913 both church and Sunday School rooms were carpeted.

In 1914 the Church Membership was 35. Aid Society Membership was 17. Total given to all causes \$379.75.

During 1914 Rev. A. G. Harris came as minister for the church—the first regular one in a number of years. The manse, a comfortable nine room residence, was completed during this year. The lot for the manse was donated by Mr. S. T. White. This year Mrs. P. M. Johnston went out of office as president and was succeeded by Mrs. Joe Moyer. In 1915 the Society gave \$500 for a pipe organ from the Durham Presbyterian Church.

In 1917 Mrs. Florence Smith (Mrs. G. V.) became president. The women brought a communion tray and helped buy a piano for Sunday School. Mr. S. K. Phillips came as our pastor. These years record Red Cross work and buying Victory Bonds.

Mrs. N. O. Warren became president in 1920. At this time the Ladies Aid and the Missionary Society went out of existence and the Woman's Auxiliary came into being. The organization was perfected but we have no record of work between 1920-1926. Mrs. E. W. Harvey was the first president after the Auxiliary was perfected.

In 1926 Mrs. C. W. Harvey was president the women were concerned with the building of the new church located on Fifth and Pitt Streets. The women gave \$500 toward the building and bought a new pipe organ at a cost of \$5100. Mr. W. S. Harden was pastor at this time. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harvey and sons gave the chimes for the organ.

Mrs. Charles Horne succeeded Mrs. Harvey as president in 1929. During this period the women kept a local girl in school at Central Academy in Virginia. In 1931-1933 Mrs. R. C. Deal was president. Under her wise leadership we struggled with the depression and meeting the notes due on the organ.

In 1933 Mrs. E. W. Harvey became president. In April we entertained Presbyterial. In December 1933 our beloved pastor, Mr. W. S. Harden, passed away after a short illness. Following him the next week Mrs. C. W. Harvey, one of the most helpful and loyal members, passed away. Mrs. Harden in leaving Greenville was a great loss to the Auxiliary. In December Mr. R. C. Grady came as our pastor.

Mrs. Carey Warren was chosen president in 1935. During the year Mrs. Russell taught the Bible lessons on the Holy Spirit. A fund was started for a memorial to our beloved pastor Mr. Harden. Miss Hillhouse resigned and Miss Frances Fields took her place.

In 1938 Mrs. Harvey Clayton became president. Miss Fields resigned to be married. The Auxiliary gave her a shower at the "Y Hut" at the college. In September Miss Wilson came as Student Worker. Mr. Grady resigned as pastor. The church called Dr. R. S. Boyd from Columbus, Ga. Before he came the women had the auditorium of the church painted.

Mrs. Charles Horne succeeded Mrs. Clayton as president. Delegate was sent to Colored Woman's Conference. Miss Wilson resigned and Miss Whitmore came as Student Worker. Women became Church Mothers to the college girls. A mission was erected at Meadowbrook.

In 1941 Mrs. R. C. Deal was elected president. These were war times and the Auxiliary was active in many ways. Testaments and things to eat were sent to the boys in service, helped entertain servicemen at the Woman's Club. The choir curtains, pews, memorials and tablets were dedicated at Church Service. Mrs. W. S. Harden came back to be present at the dedication. The tablets were dedicated to Mr. W. S. Harden and Dr. J. N. H. Summerell. During these years many things were done for our college students. The porch at the manse was screened. Clyde Carter resigned to enter the Navy as Chaplain.

Mrs. A. E. Gibson became president in 1943. At this time there were five circles in the Auxiliary. War work and remembering our boys in service were most important to the women. A lovely service flag was purchased. Mrs. N. R. Thompson came as Student Worker. Gifts were given to Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Baughan who moved away. Mrs. D. W. Richardson, a beloved member, passed away. A gift in her memory was sent to Barium Springs. Efforts were made to increase the spiritual life of the women.

In 1945 Mrs. Dink James succeeded Mrs. Gibson as president. The Auxiliary was interested in a new mission point, Twin Oaks, afterwards an organized church named Boyd Memorial. Mrs. Thompson resigned and Miss Agnes Lapsley came as Student Worker. In a few months Miss Lapsley left to be married. Her place was taken by Mrs. Sid Crane.

During that year a nursery was started for children at the Sunday morning service. Circles take turns in keeping the nursery. In December of that year the Auxiliary suffered a loss in the death of Mrs. Lucy Lewis Gregory whose radiant life inspired every one. Miss Hillhouse came to take Mrs. Crane's place. The members assisted Miss Hillhouse in producing the Christmas Pageant of Living Tableaux.

Mrs. Bryan Brown became president in 1947. The Auxiliary regretted the resignation of Dr. Boyd from active pastoral work. He and Mrs. Boyd left in September to live in Laurinburg. Miss Hillhouse also resigned to accept a position in Mississippi. Dr. and Mrs. Hassell came to Greenville to make their home. He is Home Mission Secretary for Albemarle Presbytery. The manse was redecorated for the new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Topping. The Auxiliary aided in getting the manse ready, stocked the pantry. The circles gave \$202.50 to the improvement fund. Members assisted again in producing the official Tableaux at Christmas. The name Auxiliary which has been the official of the Women's Organization for many years, was changed in 1948. The name now is the Women of the Church. Program of Progress appeared that year and the women contributed \$1066, forty-five Bibles were sent to Japan. Miss Martha Stribling who succeeded Miss Hillhouse as Student Worker left to get married.

In 1949 Mrs. J. S. Jenkins was chosen president. The reorganization plan came into effect. This plan is more simplified and unified. The women entertained Presbytery in April, 1949. In October 1949 the church voted unanimously to construct an educational building adjacent to the present church building. Mrs. S. H. Askew came in November and taught "The Creed." In winter of 1950 the church opened a Sunday School in the western area of the city. This service was held in the Curb Market building and serves the people of the section. The women gave a New Testament to each High School and College Senior on graduation. Snack boxes were sent to students away at school. Mrs. I. B. Koonce was chosen president for 1951-1952.

IMPORTANT DATES

Organized as a congregation.....	May 11, 1891
Sunday School organized.....	1894
First Church Building and Sunday School Dedicated.....	December, 19, 1897
Woman's Work organized.....	1900
Ladies Missionary Society and Mission Band for Boys and Girls.....	1905
Envelope System adopted.....	1905
Little Organ sold and a better one purchased.....	1909
Steps taken to procure New Church Building.....	October 1924
Ladies purchase new pipe organ at cost of \$5,100	
New Church completed and first service conducted.....	January 8, 1928
Rotary System of Elders and Deacons	
Dedication of New Church Building.....	November, 22, 1936
Meadowbrook organized.....	1942
Hollywood organized.....	1943
Chicod organized.....	1944
Ballards organized.....	1944
Boyd Memorial organized.....	1947
West Greenville established.....	1950

EVANGELISTS, PASTORS and SUPPLIES

J. N. Summerell	Elangelist	1890 - 1895
W. D. Morton	Evangelist	
W. Hines	Evangelist	1894 - 1897
E. D. Brown	Evangelist	1896 - 1900
F. H. Johnson	Evangelist	
J. B. Morton	Supply	May 16, 1897 - June 15, 1902
F. G. Hartman	Pastor	March 1, 1903 - April 30, 1905
F. D. Viche	Pastor	June 18, 1905 - August 1, 1906
R. E. Fultz	Supply	1907
Mr. Shannon	Pastor	1909
A. C. Bridgeman	Pastor	June 27, 1909
R. C. Deal	Pastor	March 1910
A. G. Harris	Pastor	December 6, 1914 - July 22, 1917
S. K. Phillips	Pastor	Sept. 16, 1917 - Sept. 24, 1922
W. S. Harden	Pastor	April 1, 1923 - December 9, 1933
J. R. Potts	Supply	1933 - 1934
R. C. Grady	Pastor	Nov. 11, 1934 - Sept. 1, 1938
R. S. Boyd	Pastor	March 1, 1939 - August 31, 1947
C. A. Lawrence	Supply	
L. W. Topping	Pastor	November 1, 1947

CLERKS IN SESSION

B. D. Evans	May 13, 1892 - June 15, 1902
E. B. Ficklen	February 22, 1903 - April 12, 1903
F. G. Hartman	May 10, 1903 - April 11, 1905
P. M. Johnston	April 30, 1905 - December 11, 1917
B. W. Moseley	June 17, 1917 - August 2, 1942
E. W. Harvey, Jr.	March 3, 1943 -

MINUTES

The Church has four complete Volumes of Minutes:

VOLUME I May 12, 1891 — October 28, 1917. VOLUME II November 7, 1917 — November 7, 1937. VOLUME III December 6, 1937 — January 6, 1946. VOLUME IV January 20, 1946

HOME MISSION WORKERS

Rev. F. H. Scattergood, Rev. H. H. Leach, Rev. A. J. Crane, Rev. N. H. McDiarmied and Rev. J. W. Hassell.

ELDERS

B. D. Evans	G. V. Smith	H. B. Keck
E. B. Ficklen	J. S. Ficklen	W. S. Brown
J. R. Moore	N. O. Warren	H. M. Holbert
P. M. Johnston	Dink James	J. R. Moyer
W. B. Dove	R. C. Deal	R. A. Coburn
H. B. Smith	R. S. McGeachey	E. W. Harvey, Jr.
R. R. Fleming	S. M. Crisp	W. T. Kyzer
C. L. Porter	F. B. Haar	L. F. Stokes
B. W. Moseley	F. J. Diener	A. E. Gibson
C. W. Harvey	G. A. Brown	W. G. Glass
W. C. Dresback	J. N. Harrison	C. K. Beatty
E. C. Winstead	E. W. Harvey, Sr.	W. E. Stokes
Jesse Chambers	N. S. Beard	S. L. Daughtridge

DEACONS

J. R. Moore	S. M. Crisp	W. T. Kyzer
G. B. Hughes	J. B. Brown	J. D. Hice
P. M. Johnston	E. W. Harvey, Jr.	S. L. Daughtridge
C. W. Harvey	J. T. Clifton	L. T. Shotwell
B. W. Moseley	F. B. Haar	W. C. Clark, Jr.
C. C. Vines	Sidney Law	Odell Calhoun
H. H. Wells	O. P. Matthews	W. M. Johnston
W. S. Elliott	W. S. Brown	F. L. Gammon
G. V. Smith	W. E. Stokes	S. V. Morton, Jr.
R. E. Pittman	L. F. Stokes	J. A. Watson
J. G. Moye	B. F. Moseley	C. K. Beatty
C. L. Porter	R. C. Rankin	C. P. Pierce
N. O. Warren	J. H. Moye	J. O. Reynolds
J. C. Oates	J. R. Moye	J. S. Jenkins
J. S. Ficklen	F. L. Hunt	D. A. Blue
J. P. Rowlett	H. M. Holbert	T. G. Dill
W. H. Rogers	R. A. Coburn	G. C. Honeycutt
E. W. Harvey, Sr.	Pierson Hassell	M. O. Minges
W. C. Dresbach	W. N. Spruill	Harvey Clayton
J. J. Summerell	Clifton Stokes	W. W. Brown
Dink James	J. Christenbury	F. H. Sugg
G. A. Brown	H. D. Irving	W. J. Cartner
A. B. Stallworth		

Junior Deacons Installed by W. S. Harden 1932

W. W. Brown	William Wright
Thomas Dennis	Billie Nisbet
Ralph Deal	Glenn Robeson
Nyman Hatem	Bancroft Moseley
Withers Harvey	Staunton Harvey

Director of Religious Education and Student Work

Miss Ruth Hillhouse	Mrs. S. D. Crane
Miss Frances Fields	Mrs. N. R. Tompson
Miss Miriam Wilson	Mr. Clyde Carter
Miss Sarah D. Whitmore	Miss Martha Stribling
Miss Agnes Lapsley	Miss Eleanor Godfrey

SUMMARY FOR SIXTY YEARS

STATISTICS	
Added on Profession	599
Added by Letter	866
Total Additions	1,465
Adult Baptisms	379
Infant Baptisms	215
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Benevolences	\$ 86,110
Pastors' Salary	91,630
Current Expenses	127,255
Building Fund	87,795
Total Contributions	\$392,780

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